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TOPIC Soviet Rail Movements

EVALUATION see below

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25X1A DATE OF CONTENT 18 to 30 April 1952

25X1A DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 16 May 1952

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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REMARKS

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

25X1X 1. Between 26 and 30 April 1952, only one Soviet troop train of 41 boxcars and 9 flatcars [REDACTED] of the Berlin railroad district. The train went from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] burg under shipment-record [REDACTED]

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2. The following is a list of trains loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station, compiled on the basis of [REDACTED] observations made by source. The list allegedly covers all shipments loaded at the Rathenow-Nord railroad station between 18 April and 22 April 1952. All these trains were dispatched to Altengrabow.

| Date | Composition of Troop Trains | Shipment | Shipment-Record No |
|----------|---|---|--------------------|
| 18 April | 14 boxcars; 19 flatcars | about 250 troops, trucks and field howitzers | 75036 |
| 19 April | 30 boxcars; 19 flatcars; 6 gondola cars | 4 model 43 field howitzers, 22 trucks, 2 sedans, 1 ambulance, field bakery | 75035 |
| | 37 boxcars; 31 flatcars; 1 gondola car | about 250 troops, 26 model 38 field howitzers, 2 model 42 field guns, 9 trucks and 2 sedans | 75034 |
| 20 April | 9 boxcars; 24 flatcars | about 20 soldiers; 10 x 160-mm mortars; 23 trucks; 2 sedans; and 2 field kitchens | 75027 |
| 21 April | 21 boxcars; 22 flatcars | about 200 troops; 15 x 160-mm mortars; 20 trucks; 2 sedans; 2 field kitchens | 75032 |

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| <u>Date</u> | <u>Composition of Train Trains</u> | <u>Shipment</u> | <u>Shipment-Rec'd. No.</u> |
|-------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 21 April | 15 boxcars; 24 flatcars | 250 to 300 troops; 17 x 160-mm mortars; 3 x 82-mm mortars; 10 trucks; 2 sedans; 2 field kitchens. | 75034 |
| 22 April | 12 boxcars; 6 flatcars 13 boxcars 20 flatcars | about 100 troops; 3 trucks, ammunition about 250 troops; 17 x 160 mm mortars; 15 trucks; 2 sedans | 75038 75033 (2-3) |

3. No unloadings were handled at the Rathenow-Lord railroad station between 15 and 22 April.

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* [redacted] Comment. The train was previously reported by another source. See [redacted]

** [redacted] Comment. Except for train shipment-rec'd. No 75033, all trains were reported by another source [redacted]

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[redacted] It is believed that, between 15 and 23 April, 13 trains with elements of the 6th Artz. Div from Rathenow were dispatched to Altenrabow. Source's report of 67 x 160 mm mortars is of interest as this exceeds the % of the 69th (?) Artz. Brig. According to T/E, this brigade would probably have 64 mortars. However, the present report indicates that the brigade is apparently equipped exclusively with 160-mm mortars. As it is possible that the mortar brigade may have fewer weapons than is provided by T/E, several mortars possibly belong to the 14th (?) Low Artz. Brig in the Pionier Kaserne where a mortar battalion is believed to be stationed.

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